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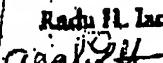
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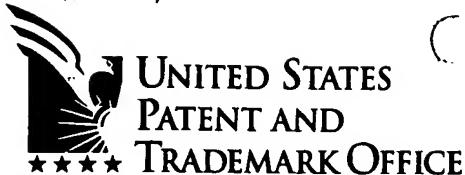
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hereby sell, assign and transfer to Catalyst Semiconductor, Inc., a corporation, having a place of business at 1250 Borregas Avenue, Sunnyvale, California 94089, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in our invention in:

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Executed this 20th day of FEBRUARY, 2002.


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